

The City of Kingsport's unemployment rate increased less than any other city in Northeast Tennessee

Sullivan County has the 10th lowest unemployment rate in Tennessee

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CITY OF KINGSPORT	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change (between 2005 and latest available data)
Unemployment Rate*	7.2%	6.0%	5.2%	7.2%	9.8%	2.6%
Construction Value*****	\$66,809,260	\$88,560,394	\$164,480,512	\$173,102,255	n/a	159.1%
Population	44,114	44,122	44,435	44,473	**	0.7%
Labor Force*	18,930	19,050	19,440	19,210	18,810	-0.6%
Employed*	17,560	17,910	18,440	17,840	16,970	-3.4%
Not in labor force	25,184	25,072	24,995	25,263	n/a	-0.8%
Retail Sales***	\$1,245,600,000	\$1,287,900,000	\$1,283,800,000	\$1,327,200,000	****	6.6%

Unemployment (U.S., State, Metro & County Data)*	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change 2005-2009
Maryville, City of	7.9%	5.9%	6.9%	11.7%	9.0%	1.1%
Cleveland, City of	8.3%	6.3%	6.1%	9.1%	9.6%	1.3%
Bristol (TN), City of	5.1%	3.9%	3.9%	5.6%	8.4%	3.3%
Johnson City, City of	5.2%	4.2%	4.3%	5.7%	8.5%	3.3%
Oak Ridge, City of	4.8%	4.3%	4.0%	4.9%	8.2%	3.4%
Washington County	4.7%	4.2%	4.2%	5.6%	8.6%	3.9%
Sullivan County	4.7%	4.2%	3.9%	5.1%	8.8%	4.1%
Carter County	5.7%	4.3%	5.0%	6.8%	9.8%	4.1%
Johnson City MSA	5.1%	4.5%	4.6%	6.1%	9.2%	4.1%
Kingsport-Bristol MSA	5.1%	4.5%	4.2%	5.8%	9.2%	4.1%
Tri-Cities CSA	5.1%	4.5%	4.4%	5.9%	9.2%	4.1%
Hawkins County	6.0%	5.0%	4.2%	6.8%	10.3%	4.3%
Tennessee, State of	5.6%	4.8%	4.8%	6.8%	10.1%	4.5%
U.S. unemployment	4.8%	4.3%	4.5%	6.5%	9.4%	4.6%
Morristown, City of	9.1%	7.4%	6.8%	11.0%	13.9%	4.8%
Greene County	7.4%	6.8%	6.2%	9.1%	13.8%	6.4%

*Month of November (released in December)

**Available in July of following year

***ETSU Business & Economic Research

****Available March 2010 (ETSU Business & Economic Research)

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